

WHY VALLEY FORGE FIRST OF AMERICANS

Washington Showed Consummate Military Genius in Selecting Spot for Winter Quarters.

SAVED TRACT FROM ENEMY

British Possession of Philadelphia Made It Imperative That the American Army Should Be in Close Touch With the Soldiers of King George.

There is a letter of peculiar interest written by George Washington from Valley Forge in January, 1778. It was dictated to, and the body of the letter is in the handwriting of Alexander Hamilton. Sparks printed a portion of the letter, but thought it well to leave out the following portion, in which Washington gives his reasons for selecting Valley Forge as his winter headquarters:

"The enemy still remain in possession of Philadelphia and are secured by a strong chain of redoubt with fortifications of communication from Schuylkill to Delaware. We are posted on the west side of the former about twenty miles from the city, and with pains and industry the troops are tolerably well covered in huts. We are to regret we are not more comfortably quartered, but circumstances would not admit of it. Had we retired to the towns in the interior part of the state a large tract of fertile country would have been



Washington at Valley Forge.

exposed to ravage and ruin and we should have disintegrated in a peculiar manner the virtuous citizens from Philadelphia who had fled thither for refuge."

So it will be seen that Washington was influenced in going to Valley Forge, not only by a desire to harass and hold in check the enemy, but to save his fellow-citizens from privation and suffering. Well may he be called the good and great Washington. No man has had more difficult and more desperate situations to face and no public character in the history of our country has had, not only to frame plans for military and political crises, but to carry out those plans himself.

Original Name Was Washen.

Mr. Joseph I. Keefe developed some curious information on the ancestry of Gen. George Washington. In an address which he delivered before William Cushing camp, Sons of Veterans, at Washington, Mr. Keefe declared that President Washington's forefathers were not named Washington at all. Their name was plain Washen. In 1660 when John Washen, President Washington's great-grandfather, sailed from the north of England for the colonies and settled for a new life at a place called Poppe, near Colchester Beach, he revised his plebeian name of Washen for the more aristocratic Washington. Mr. Keefe gave a sketch of the deep researches which led him backward over the branches of the Washen family tree for more than 50 generations, until he located the original Washen at Cave Castle, England. He had many interesting pictures of historical subjects, which he displayed in connection with his lecture.

Washington.

A nation is not merely an aggregation of individuals, but a body of laws and institutions, welded into one organic, living entity. Writing and reading of history are beneficial only in so far as history establishes a school of morals.

The past is a vast field. The bad man as well as the good man finds in the future a limitless haven for his imagination, and hopes for fame and favor at the hands of generations to succeed him. The historian, looking back at years far fled, seeking to perceive clearly through obscurity the right relation of acts of individuals, of parties or of nations, is sometimes inclined to doubt the soundness of his own judgment in a future that harks back to a past so distant.

Washington's Records Public.

Few men have left so complete a record of their public lives as Washington. He began early to keep copies of all his important letters and after the outbreak of the revolution he was undoubtedly conscious that the circumstances of his career were such as to make a record of them, one which would be of interest to others than those of his own generation. This fact in itself must have acted as a restraint to the free expression of feelings in which lesser men may indulge themselves.

Snub Precedes Triumph.

After one of Gen. Washington's disastrous campaigns the ladies of Philadelphia declined to notice his wife, and administered the snub direct, which was in interesting contrast to their reception of her when next she entered Philadelphia as the wife of the president.

Honor at Once Conferred by Washington's Countrymen Will Be Confirmed by History.

HIS HIGH RANK AS STATESMAN

Far-Seeing Mind Perceived the Future Needs of the Country He Had Done So Much to Create— Loved and Trusted as He Deserved.

Once more, what is it to be an American? Putting aside all the outer shows of dress and manners, social customs and physical peculiarities, is it not to believe in America and in the American people? Is it not to have an abiding and moving faith in the future and in the destiny of America? Something above and beyond the patriotism and love which every man whose soul is not dead within him feels for the land of his birth. Is it not to be national and not sectional; independent and not colonial? Is it not to have a higher conception of what this great new country should be, and to follow out that ideal with loyalty and truth? Has any man in our history fulfilled these conditions more perfectly and completely than George Washington? Has any man ever lived who served the American people more faithfully, or with a higher and truer conception of the destiny and possibilities of the country?

He was the first to rise above all colonial or state lines and grasp firmly the conception of a nation to be formed from the thirteen jarring colonies. The necessity of national action in the army was at once apparent to him, although not to others; but he carried the same broad views into widely distant fields, where at the time they wholly escaped notice. It was Washington, oppressed by a thousand cares, who, in the early days of the Revolution, saw the need of federal courts for admiralty cases, and for other purposes. It was he who suggested this scheme, years before anyone even dreamed of the Constitution; and from the special committee of congress, formed for this object in accordance with this advice, came, in the process of time, the federal judiciary of the United States. Even in the early dawn of the Revolution, Washington had clear in his own mind the need of a continental system for war, diplomacy, finance and law, and he worked steadily to bring this policy to fulfillment.

There must have been something very impressive about a man, who, with no pretensions to the art of the orator and with no touch of the charlatan, could so move and affect vast bodies of men by his presence alone. But the people, with the keen eye of affection, looked beyond the mere outward nobility of form. They saw the soldier who had given them victory, the great statesman who had led them out of confusion and faction to order and good government. Party newspapers might rave, but the instinct of the people was never at fault. They loved, trusted and well-nigh worshipped Washington living, and they have honored and revered him with an unchanging fidelity since his death.—Henry Cabot Lodge, "The Real George Washington."

MARTHA WASHINGTON.



From an Old Portrait of the Wife of the Great President.

Our Debt to Washington. One purpose held him bravely true. One high hope formed his creed, his law. He builded better than he knew. Though great the glory he foresaw.

He had the heart, the will to dare. When others feared his path to scorn; He had the strength to calmly bear. What few were him had ever borne.

With matches fortitude he strove. With patience waited for his hour; Provided with the front of Jove, He asked not for a tyrant's power.

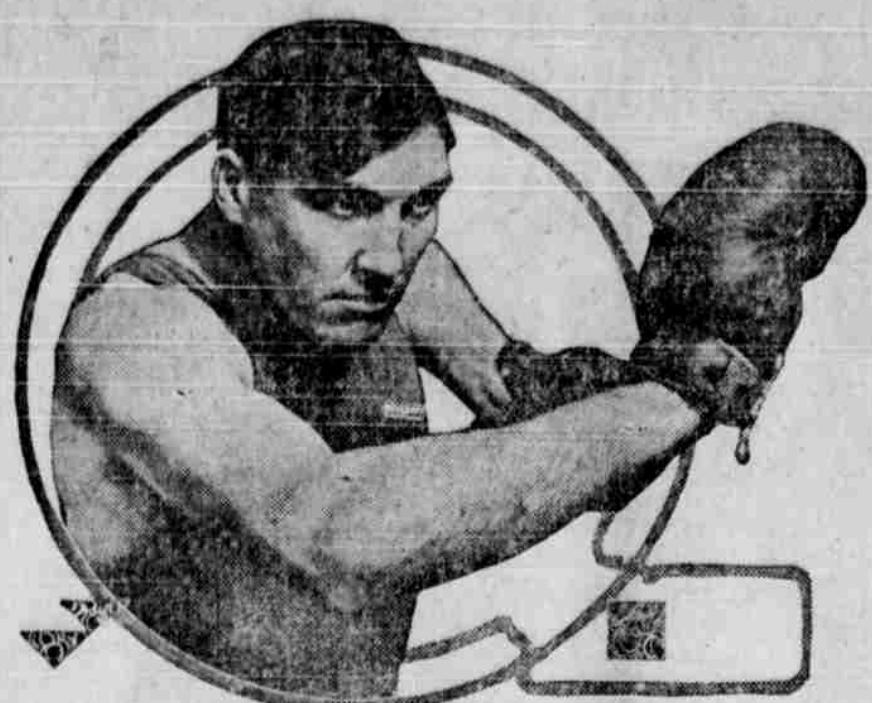
Imbued with knightly chivalry And wishing justice—nothing more—He left Faith, Pride and Liberty Where hopelessness had been before.

\$1,200 Goes Begging on the Floor. Twelve \$100 bills lay on the floor at the entrance of the customs office in the Federal building for ten minutes the other afternoon. A score of persons passed the package before it was picked up by J. D. O'Meara, an employee of the office. He took the money into the office and asked various employees if they had "dropped a package." Charles Wright, employed by G. W. Sheldon & Co., discovered that just \$1,200 was missing from his roll of bills. He had brought \$2,000 to the customs office to pay duties.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Worthy Wife of Hero.

Mrs. Washington, on one occasion, gave a striking illustration of her success in domestic manufacture by appearing in a dress of cotton striped with silk and entirely home made, the silk stripes in the fabric being woven from the ravellings of brown silk stockings and old crimson chair covers.

KANSAS COWPUNCHER IS GREAT FIGHTER



Jess Willard, Heavyweight Pugilist.

Bouquets are in order for Jess Willard, Kansas cowpuncher and some fighter. There was a bunch of wise ring birds in the gathering around the Fort Wayne ringside when Jess punched holes in one Frank Bauer of St. Charles, Ill. And all of them left the arena muttering to themselves these words:

"That big fellow will do. He's the best we have yet seen."

Among the mutterers was Eddie Santry, former featherweight champion, and referee of the fight. Santry paid the following tribute to Willard's feat:

"He's about the best there is right now, though still green. I was in the ring and right close to the men all the time and will say that Willard hits harder than any heavyweight in the game today. Fitzsimmons, when his hands were good, could not hit with more pile-driving force than this fellow. Jess was under wraps all the way with Bauer for fear of injuring

him, but at that he shot over a couple of right-hand uppercuts that would have stopped less gamer ringmen than the St. Charles heavy. There is power behind his punches.

"I never saw a boxer improve as fast as has Willard. He's got a nasty left hook developed, the short kind, you know, that does not have to travel far to hurt. And his right uppercuts and crosses are stunners. He does not waste punches, either, and when he starts one it's a good bet it will land. There is none of the old-fashioned style of milling with him. He did not pull a punch from his hips in the fight. All of them were of the snappy kind that you see champions use.

"I saw McCarty fight a couple of times and if Willard can't beat him, then I never had a boxing glove on. Willard is bigger and tougher and a harder hitter than McCarty and I actually believe he can outbox him."

M'BRIDE AN ABLE ASSISTANT

One of Most Brilliant Fielders Keeps Players Interested in Their Work and on Edge.

In George McBride, Griffith has had an able assistant. It is just of late that McBride's value to the Washington team has become generally appreciated. The fact that he was deficient as a batsman when compared to some other players always handicapped his popularity, and yet there is no more valuable man on the team. It is McBride more than any one else who keeps the players interested in their work and on edge. In addition he is one of the most brilliant fielders in the game today, and beyond doubt the best man at handling thrown balls and touching base runners.

McBride has one record which will, perhaps, never be equaled. In the five



George McBride.

years that he has played with Washington, he has missed but two games of ball. Three years ago he was ill in the spring and was in bed for two days, unable to play. He has taken part in every game excepting these two since he has been here, though exposed to the dangers of injury by being spiked more often than any other player on the team. McBride, however, is always on the job. He worked his hardest when the team was weakest, and had a particularly brilliant record last year, and much of the team's success was due to his good work.

In the opinion of many good judges and critics, McBride and Wagner of Boston are the two greatest shortstops in the American league today, and for steadiness McBride has something on his bean-eating rival.

John E. Madden Makes Entries. John E. Madden will be the largest nominator to the Coney Island Jockey club's Futurity, of \$5,000 added, which is to be run at the autumn meeting in 1915. He has forwarded entries of 107 mares bred to his Hamburg Place stallions Star Shoot, Ogdin and M. grain and the English triple crown winner Rock Sand, which was recently sold by August Belmont for \$140,000 and sent to France, where he is now the property of a powerful syndicate of breeders.

Will Not Row Middles. Syracuse and Annapolis will not row next spring, according to an announcement by Murray Stedeman, graduate manager of athletics at Syracuse. Financial difficulties and the desire to win the intercollegiate regatta at Poughkeepsie, on June 21, the chief aim of the Syracuse eight, led the governing board of athletics at Syracuse to decide not to row the middles.

Red Sox Have Holdout. Catcher Nuhemaker has returned his unsigned contract to the Boston American league club. He demands an increase in salary over that of 1912.

ZIMMERMAN IS NEW WAGNER

Chicago Third Baseman as Hard a Hitter as Pittsburgh Veteran in Palmy Days.

For years Hans Wagner of the Pittsburgh Pirates enjoyed the reputation of being the most dangerous batter in the National league. He has been sheared of that distinction. None other than Heinie Zimmerman of the Chicago Cubs has been honored with it by twirlers of the league. He was not feared before on account of his fondness for swinging at high thrown balls. Pitchers succeeded in deceiving him in that way. He remedied his fault and forced the twirlers to get the ball near the plate, as his record of .372 proves.

Zimmerman was a set left field hitter. Nearly all his drives were shot past the third baseman or in the air to the left fielder. When he was in the game substituting for a regular his hits were not frequent. He did not strike out often, but was unfortunate in placing the ball in the hands of the third sacker or left fielder. He realized his mistake and took pains to correct it. In practice he exercised in placing the ball by the first sacker and to right center. Being a natural batter, it did not require much time before he was able to hit to all three directions on the field. This is shown by his getting as many extra base hits to right center as he did in left field.

"Rube" Marquard of the New York Giants declares Zimmerman was the hardest man in the league for him to pitch to. He is not the only finger



Heinie Zimmerman.

who found him a heap of trouble. Tessa of the Giants, Hendrix of Pittsburgh, Sallee and Harmon of St. Louis, Rixey of Philadelphia, Tyler of Boston, Alexander of Philadelphia and Suggs of Cincinnati credit Zimmerman with being the most dangerous man at the plate.

"Of all the batsmen in the National league, whom do you fear most?" was asked Marquard.

"Zimmerman of the Cubs," he replied. "Heinie is a terror. No use trying to fool him. He is another Hans Wagner, only younger and far more dangerous. He is a more natural batter and a harder hitter than Wagner is now. Hans, in my opinion, has lost his punch."

ED SWEENEY FAVORS CHANCE

Catcher of New York Team Sure Peerless Leader Will Prove Big Success in Gotham.

While President Farrell, of the New York American club, was at the Chicago meeting of the American league, Catcher Ed Sweeney called on him after completion of the Chance deal to congratulate him on his good fortune in landing Chance.

"He is the man you need," was the way Sweeney put it. "He will put



Ed Sweeney.

new life in the team, and I am sure all the boys will play their heads off for him. Most of the fellows realized that we were not a last place outfit last season, but we simply had to submit to the inevitable. Next season we will show something to those teams which finished ahead of us."

Boxing in New York.

After a visit to Albany to learn the views of Governor Sulzer regarding the talk of a possible repeal or amendment of the boxing law James R. Price, the recently appointed member of the state athletic commission, declared that the sport would not be disturbed so long as it was kept clean from rowdism and brutality. He said Governor Sulzer was satisfied with the way the sport is being conducted at present, but desired that the commission see nothing occurred that would offend public morals.

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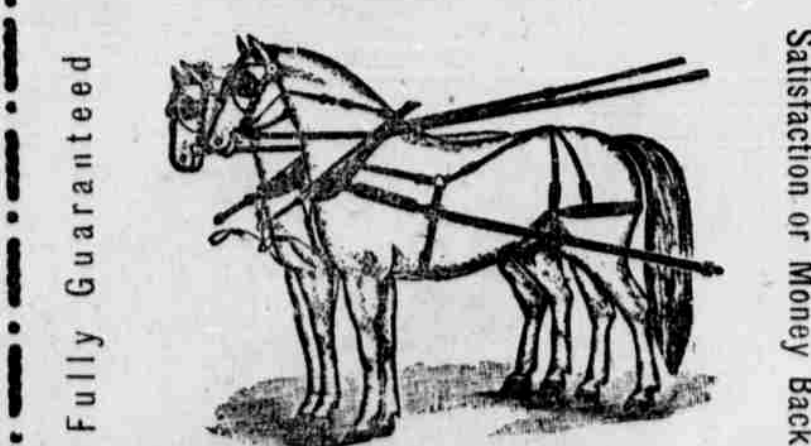
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